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**OVER 800,000 ARIZONA STUDENTS GETTING READY FOR STANDARDIZED
TESTING**

AIMS TESTING STARTS APRIL 9 -20 FOR ARIZONA SCHOOLS

PHOENIX (Friday, March 30, 2007) -- Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne announced today the upcoming standardized testing schedule beginning for Arizona students on April 9 through 20. Over 800,000 students' grades 2 through 9 will be taking the AIMS test and high school students will be taking math and science AIMS tests.

Horne suggested to students: "Get plenty of rest during AIMS testing, have nutritious and well-balanced meals and try and get some exercise. It is proven, that students that eat well, sleep well and get moderate exercise, perform better in school."

The breakdown of Arizona students being tested in the upcoming weeks: about 500,000 students will be taking the AIMS DPA test (Grades 3 – 8); about 105,000 taking the AIMS HS Math test; about 82,000 taking the Grade 2 TerraNova test; about 80,000 taking the Grade 9 TerraNova test; about 40,000 taking the paper/pencil AIMS Science Field Test (grades 4, 8 and 10); and about 8,000 taking the online AIMS Science Field Test (Grade 8 only).

AIMS results will be released publicly from the Arizona Department of Education on July 18, 2007.

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